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# MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW

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### RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

General price declines were recorded on most classes of livestock. Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to 50¢ lower, except 50¢-\$1.25 off at Chicago on steers. Increased marketings and lower prices in the wholesale trade were factors influencing the lower live prices. The number of slaughter steers and heifers sold out of first hands at the seven markets totaled 114,000 head, the largest volume since mid-May but was nearly 12,000 head short of a year ago. The average weight at the seven markets was 1115#, 21# below last year. Cows generally sold steady to 50¢ lower. Seasonally moderate supplies of feeder cattle and calves moved at steady to \$1.00 lower prices. Prices of barrows and gilts were for the most part 25-75¢ lower, exceptions were St. Louis and Indianapolis where prices were steady to 25¢ higher. Slaughter lambs sold steady to \$1.00 lower.

**SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES** - Prices on slaughter steers and heifers worked lower for the fourth consecutive week in response to increased marketings and lower prices in the dressed trade. Also, the first major snow storm of the season throughout the northeastern section of the country hampered movement of livestock into that area and this curtailed demand at some points. Slaughter steers closed steady to 50¢ lower, except 50¢-\$1.25 lower at Chicago with the bulk of the decline at that market coming on expanded Friday receipts. Heifers sold steady to 50¢ lower. Cows were uneven, mostly steady to 50¢ lower, except strong to 50¢ higher at St. Paul where this class made up 20 percent of the receipts. Bulls sold firm and vealers mostly \$1.00 higher. The average price on all slaughter steers at the seven markets was \$27.73 compared \$27.96 the previous week and \$25.08 a year ago. Bulk of the slaughter run at most points was comprised of Good to average-Choice steers and heifers.

Slaughter steers: In Chicago fully two dozen loads Prime 1175-1375# brought \$31.75-32.25, but nothing exceeded \$31.50 late with a couple of loads Prime 1200-1250# on the close at \$30.50. Late bulk high-Choice and Prime 1150-1375# \$30.00-31.25. Over the area high-Choice and Prime 1100-1350# brought \$29.75-30.00, bulk Choice \$27.50-29.50; Good \$25.00-27.25; Standard and low-Good \$22.00-25.00.

Slaughter heifers: Bulk Choice \$26.50-28.50, few loads high-Choice and Prime 1000-1100# \$29.00-29.50; Good \$23.00-27.00; Standard and low-Good \$20.50-23.25.

Cows: Utility and Commercial closed at \$13.50-15.50, few \$16.00; Canner and Cutter \$10.50-13.75.

**FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES** - Reduced receipts of feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets

heralded the completion of large volume fall marketings for the 1962 season. Although a good many shipments could have been classified as of a clean-up variety, quality as a whole did not vary appreciably from the previous week. Good and Choice grades predominated and at several markets supplies continued to include a few shipments of high-Choice and Fancy calves. Trading at most markets was slower than most weeks earlier this season and prices ruled unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower. Calves generally showed more weakness than did yearlings and two-year-olds. Snow and unusually cold weather for mid-December engulfed a fairly large part of the country and was a factor in slowing outlet.

Feeder steers: Bulk Good and Choice 800-1050# \$24.00-27.00, few loads \$27.25-27.75. Several loads Choice 925-975# included at \$27.00-27.25 but relatively few over 900# exceeded \$26.50. At Sioux City fleshy 1020# cashed at \$25.00. Scattered shipments Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy 525-650# \$29.25-31.00, two-loads 540-585# \$32.50. Bulk Good and Choice 550-750# \$25.00-29.00. Medium and mixed Medium and Good 550-750# \$20.00-25.00.

Feeder heifers: Good and Choice 515-725# \$23.00-27.75; majority \$23.50-26.75; one load Choice 575# \$28.00.

Feeder calves: Choice and Fancy 300-525# steers \$29.00-36.00; Fancy 498# included at \$35.00. Good and mixed Good and Choice steer calves ranged \$25.00-31.50. Two loads Choice and Fancy 390-410# heifers \$32.50-33.00 and load Choice 309# \$34.00. Other 300-500# Good and Choice heifers \$23.00-30.50.

**HOGS - Terminal Markets** - Supplies at the twelve markets numbered 351,000 head, a decrease of 44,000 from the previous week but comparable to a year ago. However, this reduction from the previous week failed to offset the bearishness of a sharply lower dressed pork trade. A factor in the reduction of supplies at most centers was the sub-zero temperatures near mid-week. When compared to the previous week, prices for barrows and gilts were somewhat uneven, generally 25-75¢ lower at the western Corn Belt centers but steady to 25¢ higher at Indianapolis and St. Louis where snow and ice, along with the low mercury readings, sharply curtailed receipts. Sows sold steady. Offerings of barrows and gilts weighing 240-260# continued liberal and some further widening of the price spread between these heavier butchers and the lighter hogs occurred. Sows comprised 11 percent of the 8 market total.

Barrows and gilts: At the close, U. S. 1-2, 190-230# at eastern Corn Belt markets brought \$17.00-17.75, mostly \$17.00-17.50; No. 1-3, 180-220# \$16.50-17.25, 220-240# \$16.00-



\$16.75. In the western part of the area No. 1-2 180-230# brought \$16.25-16.75; No. 1-3 190-240# \$15.75-16.25.

Sows: At the close U. S. 1-3, 270-330# \$14.00-14.50, 330-400# \$13.50-14.25. U. S. 2-3, 400-550# \$12.75-13.75.

Weeder pigs were steady at both St. Paul and Sioux City. Choice 120-160# at St. Paul brought \$15.50-16.00 and Good and Choice 130-160# at Sioux City cashed at \$14.50-16.00.

Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area receipts totaled 330,000 head, compared with 438,000 the previous week and 345,000 last year. Despite smaller receipts, demand was only fair and prices worked lower under influence of lower dressed pork prices. Compared with previous Friday barrows and gilts 180-240# closed 25-50¢ lower, heavier butchers 35-65¢ lower; sows 40-50¢ lower. Sows comprised around 9 percent of receipts.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday, U. S. 1-3 200-230#, including few 190-200# and 230-240# \$15.25-16.00 with No. 1-2 \$16.00-16.40.

Sows: U. S. 1-3 270-400# \$12.75-14.25, few mostly No. 1 270-300# \$14.25-14.50; No. 2-3 400-550# \$11.25-13.15.

Interior Illinois - Receipts totaled 112,500 head compared 135,300 last week and 112,100 a year ago. Receipts largely 200-240# barrows and gilts. Sows comprised 6 percent of supply. For the week, barrows and gilts sold mostly steady. Sows closed steady to 25¢ lower.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday, U. S. 1-3 190-230# \$16.00-16.75; No. 1-2 200-220# \$16.75-17.10; No. 1-3 180-190# and 225-240# \$15.50-16.00; No. 2-3 240-260# \$15.00-15.75.

Sows: U. S. 1-2 270-330# \$13.75-14.25; No. 1-3 300-400# \$12.75-13.75; No. 2-3 400-500# 12.00-13.00; No. 2-3 500-600# \$11.00-12.00.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS** - Receipts at the 12 markets totaled 101,000 head, compared with 97,000 last week and 92,000 a year ago. Slightly expanded supplies and a bearish dressed trade at the major wholesale centers tended to influence live prices. Slaughter lambs closed steady to \$1.00 lower with much of the trade 25¢ to 50¢ off. Slaughter ewes were steady to 50¢ higher, with sales at Kansas City and Fort Worth 50¢-\$1.00 up. Feeder lambs were mostly steady, with a few markets strong to 50¢ higher.

Woolled slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 80-115# largely \$18.00-20.50, few \$21.00 at Indianapolis early. Choice and mixed Good and Choice 80-110# \$16.00-19.50, mostly \$17.00-19.00 and some Choice 86-111# \$19.10-19.85 at Denver.

Shorn slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 80-108# No. 2 to fall shorn pelt lambs \$18.00-19.65 and load No. 1 pelts \$20.00 early. Choice and mixed Good and Choice 70-107# No. 1 and 2 pelts \$16.00-19.50.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good \$4.00-7.50, small volume Utility and Good \$7.60-8.50.

Feeder lambs: Choice and Fancy 60-95#

brought \$17.00-20.00; Good and Choice 40-82# sold from \$13.50-18.50.

Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area receipts totaled 15,600 head, compared with 18,400 the previous week and 21,300 last year. Lower carcass lamb prices had a bearish effect upon the live market and slaughter lambs closed steady to 50¢ lower, even though receipts were reduced slightly. Slaughter ewes sold steady.

Slaughter lambs: On Friday, Choice and Prime 85-110# woolled and No. 2 to fall shorn pelts at plants \$17.50-18.50; Good and Choice \$16.00-18.00. During the week, several lots Choice and Prime with stipulated weighing conditions \$18.75-19.50.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good woolled and shorn \$3.00-5.50.

#### RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

**ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH** - Slaughter steers, heifers and feeders fairly active, steady. Slaughter lambs slow, mostly steady, instances 25-50¢ lower in Utah.

Slaughter steers: California, Arizona and Utah, 80 Choice 925-950# \$28.50; 7,900 mostly Choice 900-1200# \$27.00-28.00 current through February; 19,000 mostly Choice 950-1125# \$26.25-27.00 current through March; 6,400 mostly Good 925-1200# \$25.00-26.25 current through February; 2,600 Standard and Good 950-1150# \$24.50-25.00 current through February.

Slaughter heifers: California-Arizona-Utah, 120 Choice 960# \$27.00 in California for January delivery; 3,300 mostly Choice 800-950# \$25.50-26.00 current through March 1; 1,200 Good and Choice 825-900# \$25.25-25.75 current through February. Note: Unless otherwise stated, all slaughter cattle net weight f.o.b. feedlot after 4 or 5 percent shrink.

Feeders: 830 mostly Choice 1000# \$27.00-27.50 with 50-80-90 day feed; 220 Good and Choice 475-490# \$27.00; 340 Good and Choice 600-750# \$25.00, 5 percent shrink; 3,000 Good and Choice 550# \$24.50 for April-June; 420 Choice 600-800# \$25.50-26.00 delivered; 340 Good and Choice 800# \$24.50. 100 Choice 400# calves, steers \$29.00, heifers \$27.00; 600 Choice 550-625#, steers \$26.00-27.00, heifers \$23.00-24.00. Note: Unless otherwise stated, all feeder cattle net weight after none to 3 percent shrink depending on distance to weighing point.

Slaughter lambs: California, 1,300 Choice 95-102# with No. 1 pelts \$20.00. Utah, 1,800 Choice, few Prime 105-110# woolled \$20.00; 800 Choice 105-112# woolled \$19.25-19.50; 400 Choice 118-120# \$19.00.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, all lambs overnight stand or 4 percent shrink.

**COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA** - Trading active, slaughter steers and heifers steady. Small volume feeder cattle steady. Slaughter lambs weak to mostly 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Colorado and Nebraska, 5,875 mostly Choice 1050-1350# \$28.50-29.50; 825 high-Good and Choice 1100-1425# \$27.50-28.50; 150 Standard to mostly Good 1050-1100# \$25.75.

Slaughter heifers: Colorado, 3,450 mostly Choice 860-1025# \$27.90-28.50; 350 high-Good and Choice 875-1000# \$27.40-27.75; 2 loads mostly Good 950# \$26.75. All slaughter cattle sold with 4 percent shrink and delivered to packing plants. An additional 2,000 mostly Choice 950-1025# \$28.00-28.25 f.o.b. feedlot with 4 percent shrink. Nebraska, 375 mostly Choice 975-1000# \$28.00-28.50, with 4 percent shrink and delivered to Colorado packers.

Feeders: Colorado, 450 mostly Choice calves, steers 380-490# \$29.25-34.00, heifers 360-450# \$26.75-30.50. Two loads Good to mostly Choice 850-900# steers \$25.75-26.50. All sales none to 3 percent shrink, depending on distance to weighing point.

Slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 98-112# woolled \$19.25-20.25. Choice and Prime 100-115# shorn lambs, No. 1-3 pelts, \$18.50-19.50. All sales 3-4 percent shrink and delivered to packing plants.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Slaughter steers and heifers and feeder classes fully steady. Slaughter lambs active, steady to 25¢ higher; slaughter ewes and feeder lambs steady.

Slaughter cattle: 7 loads Choice, 1050-1200# steers \$27.00-28.00; 18 loads Good and Choice 950-1150# \$26.00-27.50; 48 loads mostly Good 875-1100# \$24.75-26.50; about 20 loads Good and Choice 750-875# heifers \$27.00, 15 loads Good and Choice 725-850# \$25.50-26.50; 35 loads Good 625-750# \$24.50-25.50.

Feeders: 1,450 mostly Good 550-725# steers \$23.25-25.00; 1,150 Medium and mostly Good 380-560# steers \$23.75-25.50; 80 Good and Choice 325-350# calves, steers \$30.00 and heifers \$27.00; 925 Medium and mostly Good 365-440# heifers \$23.30-24.50.

Sheep: 5,200 Good and Choice 85-100# slaughter lambs with No. 1 pelts \$17.50-17.75; 1,500 Good and mostly Choice slaughter and feeder lambs, about 35 percent slaughter lambs \$17.00; 1,650 Good and Choice 60-76# woolled feeders \$15.00-16.50.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter cattle, steady; feeder cattle and calves steady, instances strong to 50¢ higher.

Slaughter cattle: 625 mostly Choice 1050-1200# \$27.75-28.00; 300 Good 950-1050# \$25.25-26.80. 300 mostly Choice 950-1000# heifers \$27.50; 125 Good and Choice 880-900# \$26.00-26.50; 280 Good 680-900# \$25.00-25.50.

Feeders: December-January delivery: 300 mostly Choice 500-800# steers \$27.00; April-June delivery 3,250 Good and Choice 550-750# \$25.00-26.00. Heifers: January-March, 1,800 Good to mostly Choice 600-650 \$24.50-25.60. April-June, 10,100 Good and Choice 600-700#

\$23.75-24.50, mostly \$24.00. June delivery: 1,270 Choice 650-700# \$24.50-25.00. Immediate delivery, 3,300 Good and Choice mixed steers and heifers 300-500# \$92.00-147.50 per head; 300 Choice and Fancy 450-475# steers \$32.00; 70 heifers \$29.00; 105 Fancy 550# steers \$28.00.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Fairly active, all classes steady. Slaughter cattle f.o.b. 4-5 percent shrink unless stated and feeder cattle and calves f.o.b. none to 4 percent. Most lambs delivered.

Slaughter steers: Washington, 1,850 mostly Choice 1050-1150# \$27.50-28.00. 45 Good 900# \$26.00. 335 Standard to mostly Good 850-1100# \$24.00-25.25. Oregon, 135 Good to mostly Choice 1065-1125# \$28.00-28.65 with 105 head \$28.40-28.65 delivered. 35 Good, 1200-1250# Holsteins \$26.50 delivered.

Slaughter heifers: Washington, 160 Good to mostly Choice 880-960# \$25.75-26.00, 95 mostly Choice 900-1000# \$24.50-26.00 delivered.

Feeders: Washington, 540 Good to mostly Choice 900-950# steers started on feed delivered \$24.50-26.00. 50 Choice and Fancy 455# heifers \$28.00 f.o.b. 3 percent shrink; 75 Good few Choice 440# heifers \$24.50. Oregon, 130 Choice 850# steers \$25.00.

Slaughter lambs: Oregon, 4,600 mostly Choice 95-105# \$19.00-20.25. 670 woolled 95# \$20.00 f.o.b. 4 percent shrink. Washington, 420 Choice and Prime 98-103# woolled and No. 2 pelts \$19.00-19.50.

Feeder lambs: Oregon, 300 Choice and Fancy 95# \$18.50 delivered. 1,500 - 95# \$18.00 f.o.b. Montana 3-4 percent shrink.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - Trading slow, slaughter steers and feeder cattle and calves generally steady. Slaughter lambs steady to 25¢ lower, feeders steady. Unless otherwise stated, all sales for immediate delivery, f.o.b. ranch or nearby weighing point, 4 percent on slaughter cattle, 3 percent on feeder cattle and calves and 4 percent on lambs.

Slaughter steers: Montana, 50 Choice 1050-1100# \$27.00, 50 Good \$24.00-25.00.

Feeders: Montana, 100 Choice 775-900# steers \$25.00-25.50; 2,300 high-Good and Choice 625-650# heifers \$24.50; 250 Choice 400-450#, steers \$30.00-32.00, heifers \$28.00-30.00.

Stock cows: Montana, few lots totaling 150 Good to mostly Choice 5-7-year-old cows \$200.00-225.00 per head. Total of 175 Choice bred yearling heifers \$190.00-195.00.

Slaughter lambs: Montana, 3,000 Choice and Prime 90-95# \$18.00. Wyoming, 1,000 Choice and Prime 100-115# \$19.00-20.00 delivered.

Feeders: Montana, 1,000 Choice and Fancy 85-90# ewe lambs \$21.50; 450 Choice 65# mixed lambs \$18.00, overnight stand in dry lot; 2,750 Choice and Fancy 85-95# shearing lambs \$17.75-18.00; 2,175 Choice and Fancy 95-100# \$19.00 for February 1 delivery.



## WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 15	Dec. 16
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Chicago .....	42,903	43,385	143	217	43,162	38,640	7,075	7,280
Denver .....	6,530	6,358	734	860	5,703	4,166	9,114	13,280
Fort Worth ....	6,167	4,463	1,865	716	1,415	1,139	9,720	4,001
Indianapolis ..	7,225	7,105	279	348	27,903	31,452	2,353	2,952
Kansas City ...	17,549	16,632	1,398	594	19,088	18,925	3,631	3,705
Oklahoma City .	9,636	3,840	2,393	479	3,663	2,403	1,244	513
Omaha .....	41,328	38,705	863	873	54,424	51,209	10,122	11,455
St. Joseph ....	17,276	15,997	398	309	29,294	30,790	5,763	5,772
St. Louis NSY .	14,165	13,157	1,267	1,285	50,427	49,492	6,596	6,003
Sioux City ....	34,149	36,347	5,519	4,166	46,518	45,876	8,293	7,009
Sioux Falls ...	11,056	11,561	606	230	19,382	21,256	13,786	13,410
So. St. Paul ..	23,646	24,834	8,050	8,429	50,025	55,098	22,888	16,302
Total .....	231,630	222,384	23,515	18,506	351,004	350,446	100,585	91,682
Dec. 8, 1962	228,304		31,821		394,957		97,423	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA - Dec. 15, 1962 Dec. 8, 1962 Dec. 16, 1961

Hogs ..... 330,000 438,000 345,000

Sheep ..... 15,600 18,400 21,300

INTERIOR ILLINOIS - Hogs ..... 112,500 135,300 112,100

## FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended		Month		Five months	
	Dec. 13	Dec. 6	Dec. 14	Nov.	Nov.	July-Nov.
	1962	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962 1961
Steers - 1001# up .....	622	386	669	1,261	2,147	6,426 8,661
901-1000 .....	1,815	2,085	1,523	5,306	8,044	32,589 39,218
801-900 .....	3,929	2,337	3,068	13,022	18,085	76,022 89,087
701-800 .....	4,691	3,759	2,843	21,440	24,899	135,088 139,428
501-700 .....	6,863	7,835	5,863	44,689	44,482	258,535 263,626
Total steers 10 markets....	17,920	16,402	13,966	85,718	97,657	508,660 540,020
Av. wt. " " " ....	745#	722#	744#	725#	720#	710# 712#
Av. cost* " " " ....	\$25.38	\$25.79	\$23.51	\$24.90	\$23.39	\$24.96 \$22.98
" " " Chicago .....	24.98	25.49	22.50	25.02	23.39	25.15 22.88
" " " Kansas City...	25.03	25.56	23.24	25.79	23.03	24.80 22.80
" " " Omaha .....	26.16	26.79	24.12	26.97	24.51	26.30 24.13
" " " S. St. Paul...	23.53	21.29	21.03	22.01	20.69	22.88 20.91
" " " Sioux City....	26.39	27.29	25.36	27.68	24.49	26.46 23.86
" " " Denver .....	26.66	26.42	24.08	26.78	24.24	25.79 23.74
" " " Ft. Worth ....	24.56	26.35	22.41	24.42	21.99	23.99 21.98
" " " Oklahoma City.	25.51	26.10	23.89	24.93	23.03	23.92 22.00
" " " S. St. Joseph.	24.44	25.61	22.50	24.88	22.65	24.11 22.46
" " " St. Louis NSY.	24.41	24.70	22.71	24.17	22.15	23.49 21.84
Total calves - 10 markets..	21,924	26,845	15,692	159,798	141,269	496,764 433,783
" heifers " " ....	3,177	4,046	1,888	19,180	16,489	111,814 98,774
" cows " " ....	2,040	2,535	1,297	11,687	12,741	27,979 31,369

\* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

## ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago	Kan- sas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Den- ver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wich- ita	San Antonio
Feeders													
Dec. 14, 1962	2	45	14	9	12	27	10	10	20	70	78	55	65
Dec. 7, 1962	1	50	16	11	14	33	15	10	20	65	75	60	75
Dec. 15, 1961	2	37	11	8	8	21	10	8	20	55	56	41	45
Slaughter cows													
Dec. 14, 1962	5	12	9	8	17	6	20	20	25	15	10	13	20
Dec. 7, 1962	5	13	11	9	15	6	20	25	40	10	9	13	15
Dec. 15, 1961	4	7	6	6	12	6	20	14	25	16	11	11	25

## STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Dec. 13 1962	Dec. 14 1961	Dec. 13 1962	Dec. 14 1961	Dec. 13 1962	Dec. 14 1961	Dec. 13 1962	Dec. 14 1961
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,406	3,215	8.6	10.2	1,231	1,248	31.27	27.19
Choice.....	19,533	19,841	69.7	62.7	1,145	1,166	29.13	26.15
Good.....	5,248	7,567	18.7	23.9	1,072	1,104	27.22	24.87
Standard.....	625	704	2.2	2.2	1,022	1,020	23.78	22.98
Commercial.....	--	2	--	.1	--	1,490	--	22.01
Utility.....	225	296	.8	.9	983	1,047	21.86	20.98
All grades.....	28,037	31,625			1,134	1,155	28.84	25.86
OMAHA								
Prime.....	273	415	1.4	2.0	1,199	1,195	29.58	26.75
Choice.....	9,512	10,662	48.9	52.0	1,120	1,153	28.09	25.49
Good.....	8,567	8,380	44.0	40.9	1,099	1,123	26.48	24.09
Standard.....	701	821	3.6	4.0	1,139	1,113	22.98	21.71
Utility.....	409	233	2.1	1.1	1,070	1,021	21.53	20.26
All grades.....	19,462	20,511			1,111	1,138	27.09	24.75
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	2	437	.0	2.5	1,175	1,177	30.00	26.48
Choice.....	10,624	12,651	66.1	71.1	1,139	1,161	28.17	25.18
Good.....	4,898	4,002	30.5	22.5	1,101	1,122	26.75	24.21
Standard.....	427	511	2.7	2.9	1,076	1,116	24.36	22.74
Utility.....	113	180	.7	1.0	1,040	1,053	22.68	20.78
All grades.....	16,064	17,781			1,125	1,150	27.62	24.89
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	21	53	.4	.8	1,125	1,076	29.68	26.70
Choice.....	1,602	1,693	31.8	26.5	1,103	1,112	28.18	25.67
Good.....	3,077	3,692	61.2	57.8	1,084	1,088	26.63	24.29
Standard.....	267	786	5.3	12.3	1,086	1,060	23.22	22.03
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	63	163	1.3	2.6	976	1,071	21.24	19.92
All grades.....	5,030	6,387			1,089	1,090	26.90	24.30
ST. LOUIS NRY								
Prime.....	--	48	--	.9	--	1,145	--	27.12
Choice.....	1,450	1,480	26.5	26.1	1,085	1,103	28.40	25.80
Good.....	3,230	3,057	59.0	53.9	1,017	1,055	26.65	24.14
Standard.....	622	980	11.4	17.3	962	963	23.75	22.51
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	170	102	3.1	1.8	1,036	954	21.39	19.69
All grades.....	5,472	5,667			1,030	1,051	26.67	24.29
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	58	--	.7	--	1,100	--	26.91
Choice.....	3,634	3,306	42.2	37.7	1,140	1,129	27.90	25.23
Good.....	4,398	4,916	51.1	56.0	1,084	1,096	26.42	23.86
Standard.....	576	498	6.7	5.6	1,137	1,116	22.61	21.29
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	8,608	8,778			1,111	1,110	26.80	24.26
DENVER								
Prime.....	20	--	1.6	--	1,159	--	30.25	--
Choice.....	659	1,123	52.7	69.5	1,130	1,243	29.00	25.87
Good.....	518	446	41.5	27.6	1,102	1,038	27.39	24.71
Standard.....	52	47	4.2	2.9	949	1,194	21.79	21.93
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	1,249	1,616			1,111	1,185	28.10	25.48

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.



## WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 15	Dec. 16
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Boston, New York City Area ....	13,008	14,065	8,533	9,294	37,813	49,211	36,261	41,934
Baltimore, Philadelphia .....	9,667	9,625	1,395	1,752	35,476	34,397	3,615	5,218
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	20,700	18,797	3,129	1,230	141,627	119,039	14,690	5,520
Chicago Area .....	13,505	17,380	5,006	6,985	49,921	42,613	9,042	6,689
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas* .....	27,170	29,691	18,650	20,980	116,031	111,642	12,111	17,542
St. Louis Area .....	11,684	11,145	1,752	1,350	71,593	75,692	4,884	5,397
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area ....	33,800	34,962	--	--	122,123	119,173	11,595	11,792
Omaha Area .....	40,090	40,621	175	138	89,247	80,068	12,812	14,658
Kansas City .....	15,525	14,668	--	--	40,922	39,579	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota .....	37,199	37,596	9,666	9,658	334,707	301,901	34,189	40,107
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's ...	5,929	6,601	2,113	2,815	50,737	50,875	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	8,664	10,643	3,013	3,849	29,617	29,504	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	20,176	18,567	862	657	49,689	46,922	7,205	8,585
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	9,557	7,922	2,647	2,665	21,496	20,445	24,814	20,867
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	22,448	24,906	115	112	19,741	16,117	33,464	32,655
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	27,165	24,810	1,580	1,446	31,911	36,164	26,753	29,070
Portland, Seattle, Spokane ....	8,570	8,491	324	258	18,257	17,360	4,975	4,323
Total .....	324,857	330,490	58,960	63,189	1,260,908	1,190,702	236,410	244,357
Accumulation to date .....	15,864,558	15,776,216	3,015,152	3,176,961	56,089,138	54,672,413	13,067,942	13,479,174

\*Correction: St. Paul-Wis. Area - Dec. 8, 1962, Sheep 20,614.

## ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Dec. 15, 1962 ,,,.....	410	241.9	95	10.1	1,455	212.1	250	11.8	475.9	--
Dec. 8, 1962 .....	410	241.9	110	11.7	1,620	239.1	315	14.8	507.5	--
Nov. 24, 1962 1/.....	341	--	83	--	1,324	--	250	--	--	43.1
Dec. 16, 1961 1/.....	398	240.0	101	10.4	1,392	196.7	259	12.3	459.4	42.3

## Percentage change from:

Dec. 8, 1962 .....	0	0	-14	-14	-10	-11	-21	-20	-6	--
Dec. 16, 1961 .....	3	1	-6	-3	5	8	-3	-4	4	--

Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard yield
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	per 100 lb.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Dec. 15, 1962 .....	1035	590	190	106	245	146	99	47	--
Dec. 8, 1962 .....	1035	590	190	106	248	148	99	47	--
Nov. 24, 1962 .....	1025	584	195	109	247	147	99	47	--
Dec. 16, 1961 .....	1055	603	185	103	241	141	99	47	12.6

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

**CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS**  
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	15	16	15	16	15	16	15	16	15	16
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
<b>Steers -</b>										
Prime 900-1100#	29.72	26.88	--	--	29.52	26.75	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	30.85	27.25	--	--	29.98	26.88	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	28.68	26.25	28.52	26.00	28.32	25.62	28.65	25.85	28.45	25.88
1100-1300	29.45	26.25	28.75	25.75	28.48	25.55	28.65	25.85	27.88	25.62
Good 900-1100	26.45	24.60	25.90	24.28	25.85	23.92	26.05	24.10	26.50	24.50
Standard	23.62	22.50	23.15	21.70	23.68	21.88	--	21.62	23.00	21.75
<b>Heifers -</b>										
Choice 700-900#	27.85	25.08	27.15	25.00	27.42	24.88	27.78	25.12	26.56	23.75
Good 600-800	--	--	24.78	23.60	24.75	23.18	--	--	24.88	22.50
Standard	22.88	21.62	21.42	21.05	22.12	20.75	--	20.10	20.75	19.75
<b>Cows -</b>										
Commercial	15.15	15.72	16.12	17.10	14.62	16.52	--	--	15.50	--
Utility	14.90	15.05	14.88	16.12	13.75	15.65	15.25	16.35	14.50	14.75
Cutter	13.08	14.15	13.38	15.10	12.68	14.18	13.75	15.08	11.94	13.75
Canner	11.38	12.50	11.75	13.20	11.42	13.05	12.00	14.00	9.62	11.25
<b>Bulls - Yrlgs. excl.</b>										
Commercial	19.60	18.45	16.88	18.25	18.25	18.25	--	--	--	--
Utility	19.60	19.72	17.60	18.62	18.00	18.12	18.50	18.75	19.00	20.00
<b>Calves - 250-500#</b>										
Choice	--	--	23.50	22.80	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good	--	--	22.00	21.40	--	--	--	--	--	--
Standard	--	--	19.25	19.40	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Vealers - 150-250#</b>										
Choice	--	--	25.00	25.50	25.00	24.40	--	--	31.50	30.00
Good	--	--	23.50	23.00	23.25	22.55	--	--	29.50	27.50
Standard	--	--	20.50	20.25	21.00	19.95	--	--	25.50	23.50
<u>Feeder cattle and calves</u>										
<b>Steers - 500-800#</b>										
Fancy	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	--	26.50	28.30	25.95	29.00	26.15	29.00	26.50	25.50	--
Good	26.12	24.50	25.90	24.25	26.25	24.25	25.75	23.00	23.50	22.25
<b>Heifers - 500-750#</b>										
Choice	--	--	25.20	23.50	26.62	24.00	26.75	24.50	--	--
Good	--	--	23.82	20.62*	24.12	20.75*	23.50	20.50*	21.50	--
<b>Calves -</b>										
<b>Steer -</b>										
Fancy 300-550#	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice " "	--	--	30.28)	27.75	33.25)	28.00	31.75)	29.75	27.25)	25.50
Good 300-500#	--	--	27.08)		28.25)		28.00)		26.50)	
<b>Heifer - 300-500#</b>										
Fancy	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	--	--	26.32)	25.00	29.25)	26.00	29.50)	28.25	--	22.50
Good	--	--	24.00)		25.50)		26.50)		--	

\*Medium and Good.



HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	17.11	17.43	--	--	16.96	17.46	15.90	16.62	17.36	17.50	16.23	17.05	16.30	16.90	17.08	17.22
200-220	17.38	17.43	16.08	16.47	16.94	17.47	16.68	17.25	17.47	17.50	16.64	17.18	16.56	17.09	17.10	17.24
220-240	16.72	17.24	15.98	16.38	16.72	17.38	16.68	17.26	17.18	17.41	16.57	17.15	16.40	17.01	16.85	17.08
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	16.78	17.03	15.72	16.22	16.55	17.13	16.08	16.75	16.58	17.00	15.98	16.82	16.05	16.78	--	--
220-240	16.30	16.78	15.63	16.19	16.24	17.04	16.08	16.75	16.40	17.00	15.85	16.80	15.95	16.75	--	--
240-270	15.80	16.58	15.06	15.81	15.77	16.43	15.70	16.45	15.85	16.64	15.61	16.61	15.60	16.55	15.80	16.45
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
200-220	17.02	17.18	15.83	16.29	16.68	17.28	16.28	16.90	16.90	17.26	16.18	16.90	16.28	16.91	16.60	17.00
220-240	16.58	17.01	15.76	16.25	16.44	17.16	16.28	16.90	16.78	17.26	16.12	16.90	16.20	16.88	16.42	16.92
240-270	15.83	16.69	15.12	15.89	15.94	16.66	15.85	16.55	16.12	16.92	15.71	16.71	15.78	16.68	16.05	16.65
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	--	14.11	14.29	14.48	15.05	14.20	14.55	14.32	15.15	14.24	14.88	14.25	14.68	14.12	14.25
330-400	13.95	14.42	13.52	13.79	14.20	14.52	13.80	14.25	13.80	14.52	13.90	14.48	13.82	14.22	13.80	13.60
400-550	12.90	13.45	12.42	12.88	13.28	13.50	13.10	13.68	13.15	13.65	13.34	13.80	13.12	13.60	13.02	13.02
U.S.2-3																
South																
St. Paul																
Sioux City																
Sioux Falls																
Cincinnati																
Fort Worth																
Thomasville																
Baltimore																
North																
Portland																
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	16.50	16.88	16.38	16.84	--	--	17.35	17.59	16.31	17.06	16.52	16.80	18.12	18.17	17.94	18.44
200-220	16.50	16.90	16.42	17.01	16.46	16.94	17.44	17.59	--	17.17	16.52	16.80	18.12	18.21	18.21	18.44
220-240	16.32	16.85	16.42	17.02	16.44	16.94	17.20	17.54	--	16.88	16.52	16.80	--	18.12	18.12	18.47
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	15.90	16.58	16.24	16.74	16.10	16.76	17.12	17.38	--	--	15.92	16.12	--	--	17.58	17.59
220-240	15.60	16.48	16.16	16.74	16.08	16.74	16.88	17.38	--	--	15.92	16.12	--	--	17.50	17.59
240-270	15.12	16.02	15.70	16.45	15.35	16.18	16.34	17.24	15.88	16.38	15.45	15.68	--	--	17.00	16.88
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
200-220	16.02	16.58	16.40	16.99	16.24	16.79	17.16	17.56	16.31	17.12	16.15	16.35	18.00	18.16	--	--
220-240	15.72	16.48	16.29	17.00	16.24	16.79	16.96	17.54	16.38	17.12	16.15	16.35	--	17.97	--	--
240-270	15.18	16.08	15.80	16.60	15.58	16.28	16.41	--	16.25	16.97	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3																
270-330	14.18	14.65	14.10	14.42	--	--	14.18	14.70	14.75	14.92	13.40	13.35	14.25	--	14.50	15.00
330-400	13.60	14.08	13.68	14.10	13.60	14.05	13.55	14.28	14.56	15.00	12.90	12.85	13.75	--	13.50	14.50
400-550	12.95	13.05	13.00	13.50	12.90	13.05	12.82	13.38	14.33	15.17	12.02	12.35	12.94	--	12.08	13.25

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES <sup>1/</sup>

		St.	Louis	Kansas	Omaha	Sioux	S. St.	S. St.	Indian-	Eight
Week ended		Chicago	Nat'l.	City		City	Joseph	Paul	apolis	mkts.
		Yards								com-
										bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 15, 1962	16.40	16.31	15.88	16.05	15.83	15.97	15.75	16.48	16.08
	Dec. 8, 1962	16.49	16.39	16.07	16.06	15.92	16.14	15.95	16.65	16.19
	Dec. 16, 1961	16.90	17.00	16.70	16.67	16.66	16.79	16.25	17.06	16.73
Sows	Dec. 15, 1962	13.08	13.53	13.39	13.12	12.98	13.45	13.09	13.01	13.17
	Dec. 8, 1962	13.07	13.50	13.48	13.17	12.94	13.42	13.30	13.32	13.25
	Dec. 16, 1961	13.56	13.67	13.70	13.75	13.59	13.94	13.32	13.60	13.62
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 15, 1962	231	225	236	240	240	233	228	230	233
	Dec. 8, 1962	234	230	238	243	242	236	233	232	236
	Dec. 16, 1961	231	222	229	235	234	225	228	227	229
Sows	Dec. 15, 1962	439	419	432	449	440	427	422	461	436
	Dec. 8, 1962	463	434	448	450	438	428	426	461	443
	Dec. 16, 1961	439	424	436	444	434	416	421	469	436
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 15, 1962	31676	43494	16853	44973	39896	25747	37583	23642	263864
	Dec. 8, 1962	39050	51005	19579	53925	43625	26388	39748	26503	299823
	Dec. 16, 1961	30080	44298	17368	43701	39210	28164	41127	26158	270106
Sows	Dec. 15, 1962	3743	4296	1279	6408	4511	2311	5949	2764	31261
	Dec. 8, 1962	4488	5035	2079	7170	4949	2973	6011	3338	36043
	Dec. 16, 1961	3123	3596	1165	5124	4394	2044	4008	3171	26625
SOWS -		Percentage of total								
Dec. 15, 1962		11	9	7	12	10	8	14	10	11
Dec. 8, 1962		10	9	10	12	10	10	13	11	11
Dec. 16, 1961		9	8	6	10	10	7	9	11	9

<sup>1/</sup> Weighted average.

## AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products <sup>1/</sup>	Hog prices <sup>2/</sup>	Gross spread or margin <sup>3/</sup>
Dec. 15, 1962 .....	\$17.91	\$17.02	\$ .89
Dec. 8, 1962 .....	18.44	17.00	1.44
Dec. 16, 1961 .....	18.71	17.18	1.53

<sup>1/</sup> Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

<sup>2/</sup> Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

<sup>3/</sup> Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

## HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts <sup>1/</sup> Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn <sup>2/</sup> No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Dec. 15, 1962 .....	16.40	114.1	14.4
Dec. 8, 1962 .....	16.49	108.9	15.1
Dec. 16, 1961 .....	16.90	109.1	15.5

<sup>1/</sup> Weighted average. <sup>2/</sup> Simple average.



The wool trade in Boston continued dull with only a few sales due to limited supplies. Prices were steady to strong. Woolen wools and noils continued to move at firm prices. A few cars of greasy combing wools sold in Montana and New Mexico while a small weight of lambs wool moved in Wyoming and also in New Mexico. Contracting of bulk medium wools was confirmed in Idaho and a reputation clip was contracted in Montana. There was some contracting of 12 months and lambs wool in Texas. Trading was limited in the fleece wool States.

The Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced the average price received by farmers for wool on November 15, 1962 was 44.8¢ per grease pound. This compared to 44.3¢ for October 15, 1962 and 40.9¢ for November 15, 1961.

Midweek cables from Australia showed Japan, the Continent and England active as quotations advanced up to five percent. The South African markets were stronger with the Continent, and United States dominating and some Japanese buying. Good general competition prevailed in New Zealand at stronger prices. The Montevideo market continued firm and Argentine carpet wools remained strong.

**Fleece Wools** - Turnover of fleece wools was negligible as supplies were limited.

**Territory Wools** - About four cars of original bag bulk half-blood wool sold last week in Montana around \$1.25 clean basis, delivered Boston while a small volume of lambs wool brought 40¢-42¢ grease basis, f.o.b. Wyoming. Original bag bulk fine 12 months wool sold in Roswell, New Mexico at \$1.30 on a core test while bulk fine lambs wool up to 2 inches sold from 45¢-52¢ f.o.b. Country buyers were contracting bulk medium wools in Idaho at 52¢-53¢ to the grower while a bulk fine reputation clip in Montana was contracted at \$1.25 on a core test for March shearing.

**Texas Wools** - Twelve months Texas wool was contracted this week at 60¢ grease basis to the grower while lambs wool was contracted at 55¢ grease basis.

**Mohair** - Poor style adult mohair sold in Texas at 66½¢ to the warehouse while good mohair was priced generally around 71½¢.

**Foreign Wools** - Turnover of spot foreign wools was rather dull. A spot lot of greasy Buenos Aires November second clip wool sold for combing use around 68¢, clean wool fibers present. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields in bond.

New Zealand	
Oil-combed	
93 - \$.86	107 - \$.78
834 - .83	114 - .78
100 - .81	128 - .77

## South Africa

Oil-combed	Scoured Yields
7 - \$1.24	22 - \$1.09
8 - 1.19	23 - 1.06
12 - 1.19	27 - 1.04
47 - 1.22	28 - 1.01
48 - 1.18	32 - .99
52 - 1.17	33 - .98
53 - 1.15	37 - .93
17 - 1.16	

## Australia

### Oil-combed

77 - \$1.26	422 - \$1.12
78 - 1.21	423 - 1.06
78A - 1.18	424 - 1.01
79 - 1.13	

## Montevideo Super Skirted Wools

60/64s - \$1.06-1.08	60s - \$1.01-1.03
60/58s - .99-1.00	58/56s - .97- .98
56/50s - \$.95-.96	

**Carpet Wools** - All foreign carpet wool markets were strong. Greasy Buenos Aires November wools were priced at 66-67¢, fleeces around 69¢ and 36/40s lambs wool at 64-65¢ while a scoured November wool was offered at 68¢. Greasy New Zealand fleeces were quoted at 76¢, early shorn wool at 75¢ and type 702/3 crutchings at 66¢. A pulled white Aleppo carpet wool was offered at 69¢, all grease wools above for shipment on a clean wool fibers present basis.

### Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic	Scoured Pulled Foreign
56/50s 1½-2½" wh. \$1.12	N.Z. 56/58s 2-3" ch.wh.
Scoured Shorn Domestic	\$1.15
58s 2-3" lt.stain	N.Z. 50/56s 2-4" ch.wh.
\$.80-.81	\$1.15
Noils	Scoured Shorn Foreign
Super Aust. 64/70s nobles	Aust. 64s fleece wh.
\$.87	\$1.20-1.22
Good Aust. 64s nobles 85¢	Aust. 64/60s wh.
" style dom. 62s " 74¢	carding fleeces
Ave. style dom. 58/60s	\$1.22
nobles	63¢ Greasy Pulled Foreign
Creamy Aust. 58s nobles 77¢	(Clean basis, duty
Good Cape 64s schlums. 67¢	paid)
Dom. 64s Fr. 57-58¢	N.Z. 56/58s 2-3"
Stained dom. 56s French 30¢	ch. \$1.10

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Dec. 13, 1962 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

December	wool tops	-	\$1.694B
March	wool tops	-	1.694B
	64s grade	-	2.55" minimum length
December	wool	-	\$1.308T
March	wool	-	1.300T
	64s grade	-	2½" average stretched length

## WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

### LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer beef sold steady to \$1.00 higher, bulk 50¢ up; cow beef steady to \$1.00 lower; veal steady to \$3.00 higher, mostly strong to \$1.00 up; calf prices fully \$2.00 higher in New York; lamb fully steady to \$1.00 higher at Baltimore and Philadelphia, otherwise steady to weak; pork loins steady to \$3.00 lower at most markets, the full decline at New York.

Prices were strong to 50¢ higher early in the week for kosher steer forequarters, but late declines left closing sales 50¢-\$1.50 lower for the week. Lamb sold mostly strong to \$1.00 higher and upturns of \$1.00-2.00 were recorded on veal and calf.

Supplies were normal in most areas, except veal which held below normal over all, while steer beef and pork was above normal at Washington. Clearance was fairly complete aside from lamb at Washington and steer hindquarters at New York. Steer beef was fairly active under good demand subsequent to the initial session. Forequarters and related cuts outsold hinds in most instances. Ribs advanced sharply toward the close. Veal and calf movement was quite prompt and moderate supplies sold mostly at higher prices. Chain buyers were aggressive for lamb at New York, but absorbed mostly hind-saddles and legs while foresaddles were on a peddling basis late. Lower pork prices stimulated demand, particularly at New York.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef steady to 50¢ lower for the week, veal fully \$3.00 higher, lamb \$1.00 lower, pork loins 8-16# \$2.50-3.00 lower, Boston butts 4-8# \$1.50 lower, spareribs 3# down steady.

Supplies in the beef, lamb and fresh pork divisions were normal. Largest percentage of beef graded average-Good to Choice, all weights in about equal volume. All weights and grades of veal in small supply, particularly Choice and Prime.

Carcass beef trade only moderately active. Ribs met a good demand with all interests in the trade and prices followed a higher trend. Rounds generally were fairly active, loins slow. Fairly broad outlets for chucks on early sessions narrowed and declines were recorded, however, demand broadened again late. Substantial advance in the veal division mostly on the basis of small supply, although demand was fair. A moderately active early lamb trade slowed by midweek. End cuts outsold ribs and loins in

the early trade; best demand centering on hindsaddles at the close. Fresh pork trade slow throughout, loins declined daily.

PACIFIC COAST - Carcass steer beef sold firm to \$1.00 higher in California, most upturn in San Francisco, and generally steady in the Portland-Seattle area. Heifer beef was steady to 25¢ higher. The price pattern on cow beef ranged from steady to 50¢ lower, the downturn on Canner and Cutter in San Francisco. Calf and veal sold steady to \$1.00 higher while lamb was steady to \$1.00 lower. Fresh pork sold steady to \$3.00 lower, most decline on loins in the Pacific Northwest. Cured pork items were mostly steady, except sliced bacon \$1.00-2.00 lower in Los Angeles.

Supplies of Choice steer beef and calf were moderate. Volume of most other classes normal except fresh pork and lamb above normal in Portland and Seattle. Influence of the approaching holiday season was noted in fairly broad demand for hams, beef ribs and loins.

### CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Demand was fairly good for fully normal supplies of steer and heifer beef. Trading was rather slow early but moderately active late with prices uneven but little changed. Cow prices were also uneven with sharp advances in some areas. Choice steer beef was steady to 50¢ higher except 25-50¢ lower at Chicago. Good steer was largely steady but steady to 50¢ lower at Omaha and Denver. Heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ lower. Cow beef was uneven, largely steady to 50¢ higher, with Canner and Cutter \$1.25-1.50 higher at Philadelphia. Clearance was good on beef classes.

Demand was only fair for normal supplies of carcass lamb. Trading was slow with prices mostly \$1.00-2.00 lower. Clearance was generally complete.

Supplies of pork were fully normal and trading was rather slow with pork loins 50¢-\$1.50 lower at Chicago, \$1.00-3.00 lower at Philadelphia, and \$2.50-3.00 off at Omaha. Pork butts were \$2.00 lower and fresh hams \$1.00-3.00 lower. Pork carcasses sold steady to 25¢ lower at Philadelphia and New York.

Clearance was generally complete on pork products.



**WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS**  
**Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds**

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 15	Dec. 16	Dec. 15	Dec. 16
		1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
<b>Steer beef -</b>									
Prime	700-800#	52.00	44.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	49.25	44.30	48.00	43.50	45.38	41.75	44.75	41.25
	700-800	49.75	43.80	47.75	42.81	44.88	40.62	43.50	40.25
Good	500-600	47.00	42.65	46.00	41.69	44.00	40.50	42.62	40.56
	600-700	47.25	43.15	46.00	41.69	43.75	39.62	42.12	39.56
<b>Heifer beef -</b>									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	47.00	42.50	43.75	40.62	43.50	41.06
	600-700	--	--	47.00	42.50	42.75	40.17	43.12	40.00
Good	500-600	--	--	45.50	40.81	41.75	38.75	--	--
<b>Veal -</b>									
Prime	90-120#	61.60	59.00	58.50	55.25	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	52.30	53.00	54.50	50.75	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	48.60	46.50	50.00	46.50	56.00	52.50	--	--
<b>Lamb -</b>									
Prime	45-55#	43.00	40.50	42.00	38.25	42.50	37.50	42.50	39.00
Choice	45-55	43.00	40.50	42.00	38.25	42.50	37.50	42.50	39.00
<b>Fresh pork -</b>									
Loins	8-12#	43.50	44.50	40.25	41.38	47.50	47.25	43.50	45.50
Butts	4-8	35.60	34.00	33.50	33.50	40.50	39.38	37.38	36.50
Spareribs	3# down	39.10	37.60	36.75	34.00	42.50	40.75	38.56	37.00
<b>Hams, smk. skd. -</b>									
Cook before eating	12-16#	48.00	49.50	--	--	54.00	51.50	51.00	51.00
Fully cooked	10-14#	50.50	50.50	58.25	56.50	--	--	--	--
<b>Bacon, smoked, sliced -</b>									
1# package (box lots)		48.50	50.50	49.00	48.00	51.00	51.25	45.88	49.00
<b>Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)</b>									
4-8#		34.50	31.50	37.00	35.25	35.00	33.75	34.12	34.50
<b>Lard, 1# carton</b>									
		14.00	14.75	14.75	14.12	17.50	17.50	16.06	16.50

**BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 14, 1962**

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
<b>Steer beef -</b>						
Choice	600-700#	45.50-46.00	44.50-45.00	45.00-45.50	47.50-48.25	47.50-48.00
	700-800	45.50-46.00	44.50-45.00	45.00-45.50	47.50-48.25	47.50-48.00
	800-900	45.50-46.00	44.50-45.00	45.00-45.50	47.50-48.25	47.50-48.00
Good	500-600	43.25-44.25	--	--	44.00-46.50	44.50-46.00
	600-700	43.25-44.25	41.00-43.00	43.00-44.00	44.00-46.50	45.00-46.25
	700-800	43.25-44.25	41.00-43.00	42.00-43.00	44.00-46.50	45.00-46.25
<b>Heifer beef -</b>						
Choice	500-600#	45.00-45.50	43.50-44.00	44.25-44.75	--	46.50-47.00
	600-700	45.00-45.50	43.50-44.00	44.25-44.75	--	46.50-47.00
Good	500-600	43.00-43.50	41.50	42.50-42.75	--	--
	600-700	43.00-43.50	41.50	42.50-42.75	--	--
<b>Cow beef - All weights -</b>						
Utility		27.00	27.50	26.00-26.25	--	28.00-29.00
Canner and Cutter		27.00-27.25	--	26.00-26.50	--	28.00-28.50
<b>Lamb -</b>						
Prime	35-45#	37.00-38.00	36.00-37.50	--	39.00-41.00	39.00-39.50
	45-55	37.00-38.00	35.00-37.00	--	39.00-40.00	39.00-39.50
	55-65	36.00	34.00-35.00	--	38.00-39.00	38.00
Choice	35-45	37.00-38.00	36.00-37.50	37.50	39.00-41.00	39.00-39.50
	45-55	37.00-38.00	35.00-37.00	36.50-37.50	39.00-40.00	39.00-39.50
	55-65	36.00	34.00-35.00	35.50-36.50	38.00-39.00	38.00
<b>Fresh pork -</b>						
Loins	8-12#	36.50-37.50	--	35.25-36.25	--	38.00-38.50

**MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION**  
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)

October 1962

Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal			Cured meats	
	Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Pork	Beef	Pork
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina .....	--	--	--	56,475	--
Australia .....	44,769,217	3,164,220	--	--	--
Brazil .....	--	--	--	--	--
Canada .....	1,514,057	211,253	2,583,714	3,228	482,023
Denmark .....	--	--	--	--	6,396
Germany .....	--	--	--	--	7,206
Holland .....	--	--	--	--	--
Ireland .....	4,463,152	11,046	--	--	15,561
Mexico .....	5,248,210	--	--	--	--
New Zealand .....	24,248,784	717,512	6,396	--	--
Paraguay .....	--	--	--	--	--
Poland .....	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay .....	--	--	--	--	--
All others .....	2,920,576	--	--	--	6,818
Total - Oct. 1962 ...	83,163,996	4,104,031	2,590,110	59,703	518,004
Oct. 1961 ...	66,721,730	2,480,171	3,488,216	148,838	615,771

**Refused or condemned:**

Oct. 1962 ...	272,385	96,181	27,255	--	4,405
Oct. 1961 ...	193,136	318	30,187	10,000	301

Country of origin	Canned meats			Cooked beef	Sausage (Trichina treated)	General miscel- laneous	Total
	Beef	Pork	Miscel- laneous				
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina .....	3,159,470	--	25,459	297,273	--	104,141	3,642,818
Australia .....	--	--	--	--	--	5,600	47,939,037
Brazil .....	951,231	--	--	100,000	--	--	1,051,231
Canada .....	--	326,314	8,387	--	17,395	299,506	5,445,877
Denmark .....	12,840	5,354,816	700,651	--	151,294	--	6,225,997
Germany .....	--	85,480	4,024	--	24,146	--	120,856
Holland .....	6,864	3,071,564	159,372	--	1,843	--	3,239,643
Ireland .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	4,489,759
Mexico .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	5,248,210
New Zealand .....	--	--	--	--	--	--	24,972,692
Paraguay .....	972,748	--	--	--	--	15,568	988,316
Poland .....	--	831,508	179,441	--	--	--	1,010,949
Uruguay .....	1,420,212	--	--	--	--	--	1,420,212
All others .....	2,745	364,840	79,616	--	63,870	2,009	3,440,474
Total - Oct. 1962	6,526,110	10,034,522	1,156,950	397,273	258,548	426,824	109,236,071
Oct. 1961	8,658,848	10,655,762	1,283,948	100,500	558,100	576,293	95,288,177

**Refused or condemned:**

Oct. 1962	10,821	66,124	306,276	--	1,100	--	784,547
Oct. 1961	124,041	23,232	74,490	--	40	10,209	465,954

Note: In addition to the above, imports of horse meat (in pounds) were as follows:

October 1962 - Argentina 1,324,234, Canada 600,802, Mexico 578,330.

October 1961 - Canada 8,386, Mexico 124,800.



## COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, NOVEMBER 30, 1962

The November increase in warehouse holdings of meat and meat products of 67 million pounds was one-fourth smaller than a year earlier, but one-fifth larger than the average. December 1 holdings, at 456 million pounds, were 6 percent below the date last year, but 6 percent above the average. Stocks of beef on December 1 totaled 170 million pounds for a net increase of 20 million pounds from November 1. The December 1 level was 15 percent below holdings on the same date last year, but 2 percent above the average. Pork stocks increased seasonally by 46 million pounds during November and totaled 207 million on December 1. These holdings were 7 percent above the same date last year and 12 percent above average. Frozen ham stocks, at 36 million pounds on December 1, were practically unchanged from a month ago, but 20 percent larger than December 1, 1961 holdings. Stocks of frozen pork bellies on December 1 totaled 34 million pounds compared with 16 million on November 1 and 23 million pounds in storage last year on December 1.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, NOV. 30, 1962 WITH COMPARISONS  
(Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private  
cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

Commodity	November 1957-61 av.	November 1961	October 1962	November 1962
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Beef:				
Frozen . . . . .	155,702	188,921	137,545	153,262
In cure and cured . . . . .	11,740	12,557	12,769	17,192
Total . . . . .	167,442	201,478	150,314	170,454
Pork, frozen:				
Picnics . . . . .	6,510	8,916	4,645	5,987
Hams . . . . .	30,547	29,764	36,099	36,343
Bellies . . . . .	28,059	22,825	15,863	33,526
Loins . . . . .	1/	9,234	5,844	8,645
Jowls . . . . .	1/	4,646	3,825	7,036
Butts . . . . .	1/	3,657	2,422	3,485
Spareribs . . . . .	1/	9,420	6,805	9,900
Trimings . . . . .	1/	10,553	9,041	12,688
Other pork . . . . .	69,273	54,523	43,731	50,662
Total . . . . .	134,389	153,538	128,275	168,272
Pork in cooler:				
Dry salt bellies . . . . .	8,118	5,996	3,425	6,308
Other dry salt pork . . . . .	6,117	4,398	4,368	4,647
Other pork cuts . . . . .	35,094	29,107	25,091	27,443
Total . . . . .	49,329	39,501	32,884	38,398
Total pork . . . . .	183,718	193,039	161,159	206,670
Other meats and meat products:				
Veal, frozen . . . . .	11,439	10,680	6,667	8,966
Lamb and mutton, frozen . . . . .	11,603	18,379	9,615	10,978
Canned meats in cooler:				
Hams . . . . .	2/ 58,158	36,966	41,659	39,721
Other meats . . . . .	(	25,907	19,894	19,494
Total all meats . . . . .	432,360	486,449	389,308	456,283
Lard, rendered and refined 3/	81,311	84,200	72,700	4/
GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 5/ -				
Pork . . . . .	3,485	2,117	1,887	1,797
Beef . . . . .	2,374	2,484	1,987	1,741

1/ No historical data available. 2/ Includes other canned meats. 3/ In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 4/ Not available. 5/ Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U. S. D. A., the Armed Services and other Government Agencies.



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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS  
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) 80-110#								
Prime	Dec. 15, 1962	20.00	--	19.48	--	--	19.62	19.67
	Dec. 16, 1961	17.15	16.80	16.82	--	17.74	16.75	16.38
Choice	Dec. 15, 1962	19.10	18.82	18.65	17.50	19.50	19.25	19.38
	Dec. 16, 1961	16.30	16.30	16.20	15.62	16.98	16.12	16.12
Good	Dec. 15, 1962	16.95	17.75	17.58	16.50	18.25	18.90	--
	Dec. 16, 1961	15.00	15.12	15.15	14.75	15.65	15.12	15.00
EWES: (Wooled) 90-150#								
Good	Dec. 15, 1962	5.50	5.30	5.55	7.80	7.22*	6.55	5.50
Good & Ch.	Dec. 16, 1961	5.25	5.12	4.62	6.68	6.50*	5.65	4.50
Utility	Dec. 15, 1962	5.75	6.05	6.30	6.80	6.85*	6.15	5.50
Cull & Util.	Dec. 16, 1961	5.00	5.38	4.12	5.50*	5.50*	4.65	4.00
Cull	Dec. 15, 1962	5.25	4.40	5.30	5.65	5.85*	4.62	5.25
FEEDER LAMBS: (Wooled) 60-80#								
Fancy	Dec. 15, 1962	--	--	--	--	19.75	18.75	17.50
Choice	Dec. 15, 1962	--	--	--	14.75	18.75	18.52	16.25
Good & Ch.	Dec. 16, 1961	--	14.05	--	11.88	15.88	13.75	13.50
Good	Dec. 15, 1962	--	--	--	12.25	16.50	17.75	--

\*Shorn basis.